



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable start to the Autumn term, and it has been great to see our youngest pupils settling in so well to both Nursery and Reception as they become accustomed to new routines, friends and learning. We have already commenced our extensive trips and visits cycle, with a fantastic sporting representation of the school by our Year 3s and 4s last week at Britannia Leisure Centre (who returned with a trophy!) Year 6 are in the swing of secondary school tours, and our Open Mornings for Reception begin once again in October! We hope to see you all at our events on Friday this week!

Claire Syms

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are hosting our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September in our Sports Hall, between 9.30am and 10.30am. Come along for a chat with other parents and members of staff, and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, and a slice (or 2) of something delicious! Baked donations are very welcome and all funds raised will go to Macmillan. Everyone is most welcome, so please do come along!



E-safety

As part of our wider commitment to safeguarding, we use an online platform in school called National Online Safety (NOS) for training, webinars and 'explainer videos'. All parents are advised to complete the **Annual Award in Online Safety for Parents & Carers**. There are 2 modules, one for parents of 3-7 year olds, and one for those of 7-11 year olds. Simply log in to NOS (select HHS as the school) and complete the course! There is also an app for easy access, which you can download [here](#).



Second hand uniform sale

Remember to come along to our second hand uniform sale on Friday 30th September between 3.30pm and 5pm. There will be plenty of items, in a range of sizes, to choose from, so do come and have a browse and snap up some bargains! We are also still accepting donations of branded items, particularly in larger sizes, so please drop any items you may have into the school office so that they can enjoy another lease of life!

Mosaic Installation – Part 1!

Debra Collis from createmosaic.com returned to Halley for the first phase of our Year 6 mosaic installation in the school playground. Kate, our wonderful art teacher, coordinated the project with Debra as part of the Arts Award Explore, which saw pupils creating beautiful, colourful and tactile plaques – we think they are a wonderful legacy in our school grounds for the rest of our community to continue to enjoy.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook!



NURSERY



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

Oscar

Jahnai

Football in PE.

The children in Apollo class have been working really hard in PE where they have been learning how to kick a ball into the net.

The children were able to wait for their turn and showed how far they have come in such a short time.

They also practised balancing and jumping off an object and landing safely. We remembered to check our landing before we jumped and bent our knees when we reached the floor. The Nursery team felt very proud watching all the children participate in PE.

Well done Apollo Class!



Amazing learning on the roof terrace.

The children have been busy exploring the roof terrace this week. We have seen some role play witches, children sweeping, mixing and creating with water, sharing and making friends and adjusting to nursery life. We have seen some great friendships blossoming as well as children having some lovely conversations.

We cannot wait to share with our parents what we have learned so far.



Home learning debate and discussion



Can you and your family describe your skin? What does it feel like?

RECEPTION



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

Ruqayyah

Karaeah

Leo

Mia



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

A: 99.1%

P: 96.4 %

A: 99.4%

P: 96.6 %

In Comet class, we have been learning about each other's interests, our likes and dislikes, and we have been sharing this with each other in order to strengthen our bond as classmates and nurture our friendships. As part of this, the class has been answering questions for our 'All about Comet class' display. During carpet time, we have been voting for our favourite fruit, favourite wild animal, sea creature, pet animal, and our favourite superhero. We hope to answer more questions and fill up our entire display, finding out new and interesting things about our peers!



The children have been enjoying new parts of their curriculum, they have had two very fun and exciting music lessons with our new music teacher, Miss Rekkha. Comet class are enjoying all the different instruments they have been introduced to such as the maracas and ukulele and they have been showing off their beautiful singing voices - we can't wait for what our future lessons bring!

From next week, the children will be starting their whole class phonics lessons, we can't wait to see the children take their first steps into their writing and reading journeys. Good luck reception!



Home learning debate and discussion



Can you teach your family how we sit on the carpet in Comet Class?

Do you remember the song we sing when we are lining up, can you share this with someone?

YEAR 1



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

Valentina

Ceejay



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

A: 94.6%

P: 98.8%

A: 96.6%

P: 97.5%

Outdoor Adventures

It was so great to get outside once again and visit Butterfield Green for our first Outdoor Adventure session of the year. As well as remembering all of the rules for staying safe offsite, we had lots of time to run, explore, dig, create and hunt!

We really enjoyed using the minibeast 'spotter's guide' and found a worm, a snail and a centipede! Back at school we talked about how important it is to look after smaller creatures and to be gentle when observing them in their habitats.



Maths

It has been another busy fortnight in Eclipse class, with plenty of games being played to help us consolidate the new concepts we have been learning.

Last week each partner had to take on the role of either looking for 'one less' or 'one more' than the number they had rolled on the die. You could then colour in that number (if there were any left!). This was quite tricky as you had to calculate which number you needed to cross off, not just copy the number on the die!

The person who coloured in the most numbers within the time limit won.



Home learning debate and discussion



Would it be a good idea to have another you? What do you think would be good about it? (make a list of positives) and what do you think could go wrong? (make a list of negatives).

YEAR 2



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

Ahlani

Dylan

Leila

Maryam



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

A: 96.4%

P: 98.1%

A: 100%

P: 99.6 %

Budding scientists in Year 2!

This week in Galaxy, children have been working extremely hard in Science.

They have been discovering and describing exactly what plants require to survive. They are currently basing their ideas around an investigation they have conducted. We will observe the changes over time and get back to you with a full report!

We look forward to planting our tulip bulbs soon as a special treat.



Outdoor Adventures

The children have been so excited to go on our Outdoor adventures lesson as soon as they started back. Did you know that during our visits we have been incorporating our maths unit into our play. Children have collected various natural resources and have represented them as tens and ones and made 2 digit numbers.

Thank you to all of those that come along. It is always lovely to see you enjoying the outdoor space as much as we do.... It is where the magic happens. If you do happen to be free to help out then please do get in touch.



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Is it our job to look after the environment?
2. Can money buy happiness?

YEAR 3



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

Elisa

Archie



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

A: 94.6%

P: 98.1%

A: 100%

P: 97.8%

It has been a FANTASTIC start for Y3 this week and we have hit the ground running!

We have started with our curriculum learning, discussing the experiences of Rosa Parks and her famous bus ride in literacy. The children have been exploring key words like; segregation, inequality and diversity, and are beginning to apply these in their writing.

In maths, we have been focussing on the place value of a 3-digit number and how we can represent these in a variety of different ways. Please help continue this great start by practising writing, ordering and exploring 3-digit numbers at home.

All the children have come back to school enthusiastic and eager to learn, and this is exciting to see!



ClassDojo

This year we will be using Class Dojo to track the children's behaviour and successes throughout the school day. The children earn points by showing behaviours related to the Halley House values. These are things like being a respectful *leader* and a *learner* that shares their wisdom.

So far, we are enjoying showcasing our Halley values and earning points as we go.

Watch out for more updates about ClassDojo and how you will be able to view your child's dojo points at home!



Home learning debate and discussion



1. See Homework Passport (on the website)
2. What if we didn't have any rivers? What would be the impact?

YEAR 4



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

Einstein

Mila

Cairo

Terrell

Dottie

Newton

Ella

Akira

Ibrahim

Frankie



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

Einstein

A: 95.0%

P: 99.2%

A: 99.0%

P: 97.9%

Newton

A: 96.4%

P: 98.8%

A: 99.0%

P: 96.5%

Curriculum

Year 4 have continued our work on *Charlotte's Web* writing persuasive letters as Wilbur to persuade Mr. Zuckerman to improve his living conditions. We identified features of persuasive letters, used a WAGOLL (what a good one looks like) to inspire us, then peer assessed our first draft before publishing our final pieces. Ms Haupt and Ms Andrew have been very impressed by the standard of writing in Year 4, keep it up!



Sport Inspired by UBS

Year 4 took part in a multisports festival sponsored by UBS and a great time was had by all! The children tried rugby, dance, wheelchair basketball, bowls, volleyball and martial arts. One team of Year 4 children even won the competition trophy! Ms Andrew and Mr Oxford are very proud of the sportsmanship and team spirit shown by all.



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Should flying be more expensive to fight climate change?
2. Would you pledge to not fly for one year to help combat climate change? Why / why not?

YEAR 5



Friday 16th September

Friday 23rd September

Le'Shai

Xavier

Mattia

Navea



Friday 12th September

A: 99.6%

P: 99.2%

A:100%

P: 99.0%

Literacy has been giving us Goosebumps!

Year 5 have been writing some fantastic and spine tingling internal monologues based on our classbook Goosebumps. We have been practising building tension in our writing and choosing specific vocabulary to have the desired effect on the reader. We enjoyed adding adverbs of possibility to explain how likely or otherwise the characters' worst fears were of coming true.

Next week we will be starting to look at writing our own terrifying stories based on One Day in Horrorland.

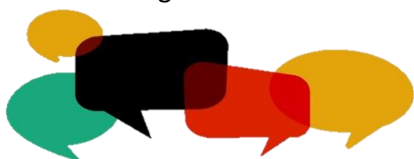


History

We have started our new topic Thrills and Spills where we will be investigating theme parks and rollercoasters. This week we began by researching Margate's Dreamland, identifying what made it successful and unsuccessful. Next week we will start to design our own theme park maps and rollercoasters.

As part of Design and Technology we will be making a prototype of our rollercoasters. **Please start collecting at home materials such as the inside of kitchen rolls which can be used to build our models.**

Home learning debate and discussion



What more can be done to help refugees in this country?

How can we retrieve information from a text?

YEAR 6



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

Mon'ay

Joshua

Theo

Yen



Friday 16th September 2022

Friday 23rd September 2022

A: 98.5%

P: 99.6%

A: 92.6%

P: 97.0%

History

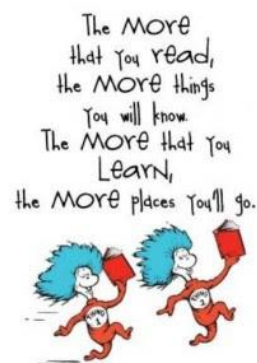
Year 6 have been diving into their history topic over the past 2 weeks and have been showing their fantastic investigation skills. The class had the opportunity to develop their historical enquiry skills through working with a number of artefacts linked to Benin. Through discussions and questioning they were able to draw conclusions on what they thought the artefacts were, how they were used and most importantly what they can tell us about life in the Kingdom of Benin.



Reading

As part of their literacy this year, Year 6 are taking part in short reading lessons that aim to teach and develop their reading fluency and skills. Through these lessons they are developing their strategies to effectively summarise, retrieve, infer and analyse a text as well as having the opportunity to read a wide range of genres.

Being fluent and confident readers will support Year 6 in developing their vocabulary and writing. Please be encouraging them to read at home everyday and to be trying out new genres and texts that they may not usually read.



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Should students be able to appoint the Headteacher?
2. Can one person change the world?